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Social Security Schemes
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the social security schemes under implementation by his Ministry in the country;

(b) the total funds earmarked/sanctioned and utilised under the said schemes during each of the last three years, State/UT and Scheme-wise; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to grant any special package to the backward States and border areas for implementing the said schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 250 for 15-03-2016 raised by Col. Sonaram Choudhary regarding "Social Security Schemes".

(a). The mandate of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementation of schemes for social, educational and economic empowerment of specified target groups which include Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Senior Citizens, Victims of Drug Abuse, Denotified Nomadic and Sem-nomadic Tribes (DNTs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment among other schemes releases funds to States under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backwards Classes for Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarships SC and OBC students. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing a Scheme namely Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) under which grant-in-aid is provided to Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) for the projects related to rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities aimed at enabling them to reach and maintain their optimal, physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric or social functional levels. Under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fittings of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) grant is released to NGOs for assistance to disabled persons. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities also implements Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act,1995 (SIPDA) under which assistance is given for skill training for persons with disabilities. However, the major social security schemes being implemented by some of the other Ministries viz. the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Financial Services of the Ministry of Finance include the following:

(I) National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, comprises five schemes viz.
(i). Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS): Assistance is provided to person of 60 years and above and belonging to family living below poverty line as per the criteria prescribed by Government of India. Central assistance of Rs. 200/- per month is provided to person in the age group of 60-79 years and Rs. 500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above.
(ii). Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS): Central assistance @ Rs. 300/- per month is provided to widows in the age group of 40-79 years and belonging to family living below poverty line, as per the criteria prescribed by the Government.
(iii). Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS): Central assistance @ Rs. 300/- per month is provided to persons aged 18-79 years with severe and multiple disabilities and belonging to family living below poverty line, as per the criteria prescribed by the Government.
(iv). National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS): Under the scheme, a BPL household is entitled to lump sum amount on the death of primary breadwinner aged between 18 to 59 years. The amount of assistance is Rs. 20,000/-.
(v). Annapurna Scheme: Under the scheme, 10 kg. of food grains per month are provided free of cost to those senior citizens who,

though eligible under IGNOAPS, are not receiving old age pension.
(II) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY)is being implemented by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. RSBY is a centrally sponsored scheme that was implemented by Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) since 2008, under the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 to provide health insurance coverage to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. Initially the scheme was designed for BPL families but later included other 11 categories of Unorganised Workers (UOWs) i.e. Licensed Railway Porters, Street Vendors, Beedi Workers, Rickshaw Pullers, Rag Pickers, Auto/Taxi Drivers, Mine Workers, Building and other construction workers, Sanitation Workers, Domestic Workers, MNREGA Workers. The scheme has now been transferred to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on "Ã¤s is where is' basis with effect from 01.04.2015. At present, the RSBY is running in 19 States and there are 4,13,34,212 families enrolled under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) against the target of 7,29,56,082. The scheme is implemented through States Government/UTs concerned.
(III) Employees" State Insurance Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment. Under the Employees" State Insurance Act, 1948, a social security legislation and applicable to the factories & establishments in the notified areas, social security is provided to the employees working in factories / establishments covered under the Act and drawing wages upto Rs. 15,000/-. These employees are entitled to comprehensive medical care for self and family members and cash benefits in the contingency of sickness, maternity, disablement and death due to employment injury and unemployment allowances. The scheme is financed out of the contribution from employees and employers (Employer share 4.75% and employee"s share 1.75%).

(IV) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), implemented by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services, offers a renewable one year life cover of Rs 2 lakh to subscribing bank account holders in the age group of 18-50 years, covering death due to any reason, for a premium of Rs 330 per annum per subscriber.

(V) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana (PMSBY), implemented by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services, offers a renewable one year personal accidental death-cum-disability cover to subscribing bank account holders in the age group of 18-70 years for a premium of Rs 12 per annum per subscriber. In this scheme Rs. 2 Lakh is payable on death or permanent total disability and Rs. 1 Lakh on permanent partial disability.
(VI) Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is implemented by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Resources. Under the APY, the subscribers would receive the guaranteed minimum pension of Rs. 1000 per month or Rs. 2000 per month or Rs. 3000 per month or Rs. 4000 per month or Rs. 5000 per month, at the age of 60 years, depending on their contributions, which itself would be based on the age of joining the APY. Therefore, the benefit of minimum pension would be guaranteed by the Government. APY is open to all account holders in the age group of 18 to 40 years. The Central Government would also co-contribute 50% of the total contribution or Rs. 1000 per annum, whichever is lower, to each eligible subscriber, for a period of 5 years, i.e., from financial Year 2015-16 to 2019-20, who join the APY before 31st December, 2015, and who are not members of any statutory social security scheme and who are not income tax payers.
(VII) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), implemented by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Resources was launched on 28.08.2014. Under this scheme, Bank accounts were opened and benefits were given to the Account holders. One of the benefits under the scheme is providing Life Insurance Cover of Rs. Rs. 30000/- on death of the life assured, due to any reason, to the deceased's family who have opened Bank account between 15.08.2014 to 31.01.2015 (subject to certain eligibility criteria). For availing Life Insurance coverage of Rs. 30,000/- under this scheme, a person should be between 18 to 59 years of age and he/she should have been enrolled under PMJDY between the above specified periods. The scheme through the envisaged exclusions, aims to provide security to families from economically weaker sections who cannot afford direct purchase of such insurance. The premium subscription for the life cover under PMJDY is borne by the Government of India. The scheme is being implemented through Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in the country.
(VIII) (a) Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana, implemented by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services. The AABY extends life and disability cover to persons between the age of 18 years to 59 years, living below and marginally above the poverty line in 47 identified vocational / occupational groups, including rural landless households. The Scheme is also available to all RSBY beneficiaries, provided they meet the other eligibility conditions under the AABY scheme. The AABY provides insurance cover for a sum of Rs 30,000/- on natural death, Rs. 75,000/- on death due to accident, Rs. 37,500/- for partial permanent disability due to accident and Rs. 75,000/- total permanent disability due to accident. It also provides an add-on-benefit of Scholarship of Rs 100 per month per child to a maximum of two children from class 9 -12. The total annual premium is Rs. 200/- per beneficiary of which 50 per cent is contributed from the Social Security Fund financed by Government of India and placed with LIC and remaining 50 per cent is contributed by the state government/nodal agency/beneficiary as the case may be. The scheme is being implemented through Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in the country.
(b). State-wise and Scheme-wise details of the total funds sanctioned and utilised under the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Employees State Insurance Scheme and Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) during each of the last three years are given at Annexure-1 , 2 and 3 respectively. State-wise enrolment data as on 29-02-2016 in respect of PMSBY, PMJJBY and APY social security schemes is given in Annexure -4. State-wise data on total claims reported, paid, in process and rejected as on 07-03-2016 in respect of PMJJBY is at Annexure -5. State-wise data on total claims reported, paid, in process and rejected as on 07-03-2016 in respect of PMSBY is at Annexure-6. State-wise details of central assistance released under Post-matric and Pre-matric Scholarships schemes for SC are given at Annexure-7 and 8 respectively and under Post-matric and Pre-matric Scholarships schemes for OBC students are given at Annexure-9 and 10 respectively. State-wise Financial and Physical target achieved under DDRS are given at Annexure 11. Physical and Financial achievements during the last three years in respect of ADIP Scheme and SIPDA Scheme are at Annexure 12.
(c). As reported by the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Labour & Employment, the Government has no proposal to grant special package to the backward States and border areas for implementing its schemes.